RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The help and co-operation of the members will be greately appreciated. The members of the Legislature will, no doubt be very much interested in the welfare of children.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that these canteens are located in places where they are not at all necessary?

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Small-pox is prevalent in coastal taluks. I want the Public Health department to check the spread of this disease.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the honourable member how long this scheme is to continue?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: It will continue so long as the milk supply is available.

PRESIDENT: I think honourable members must know the position fully well. A certain group of philanthropic Americans belonging to the Quacker Society of Friends have agreed to supply us a large quantity of milk free of cost and Mr. C. L. Cross who has been working here in conjunction with the department of Public Health and local representatives has started milk canteens. The Government of India also have offered us a certain quantity of milk from South Africa and Australia at a certain price to be fixed by them. The American supply is given gratis. The British Indian supply is given at a certain price. We are buying that milk and it is that milk that is sought to be distributed. Certain important centres have been selected for the purpose, but having regard to the demand made on the floor of the House by the honourable members of the Legislature, the question of the location of such canteens will be looked into.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know the particular items for which the amount is required?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The items include the cost of cyano-gas, pay of Sanitary Inspectors who do cyanogasing and maintenance of certain stations in the High Ranges.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Does it include the cost for the construction of any building?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: No, it does not include.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Has the incidence of skin disease been on the increase recently in Travancore?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: There is an increase of skin disease mostly brought about by people who have returned from Assam.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Have any steps been taken to prevent the spread of the disease?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: We have noticed this incidence.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether nutrition has anything to do with the skin disease?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: It is an infectious skin disease. Probably nutrition will have something to do with it.

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